## **AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1. (Original) An azithromycin degradation product identified by an HPLC relative retention time of 0.22, 0.26, or 0.80.
- 2. (Currently amended) An azithromycin degradation product identified by a HPLC relative retention time of 0.22 having substantially the following structure I:

3. (Currently amended) An azithromycin degradation product identified by a HPLC relative retention time of 0.26 having substantially the following structure II:

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4. (Currently amended) An azithromycin degradation product identified by a HPLC relative retention time of 0.80 and having the following structure III:

- 5. Cancelled.
- 6. Cancelled.
- 7. (Withdrawn) A method to analyze azithromycin purity comprising: assaying azithromycin using an HPLC to determine the presence of azithromycin degradation products;

identifying azithromycin degradation products; and quantifying the azithromycin degradation products.

- 8. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 7, wherein the identification step comprises searching and identifying on the HPLC spectrum azithromycin degradation products having a relative retention time of about 0.22, 0.26, and 0.80.
- 9. (Withdrawn) A method to determine azithromycin stability comprising: assaying azithromycin using HPLC to determine the presence of azithromycin degradation products;

identifying the azithromycin degradation products; and quantifying the azithromycin degradation products.

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10. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 9, wherein the identification step comprises searching and identifying on the HPLC spectrum azithromycin degradation products having a relative retention time of about 0.22, 0.26, and 0.80.

11. (New) A method of using an azithromycin degradation product of claim 3 as a reference standard to quantify the amount of the azithromycin degradation product in a sample of azithromycin.